

Connecticut Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Carol Autorino Center, Saint Joseph College
West Hartford, Connecticut

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 9:30 AM** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 AM** **Welcome Remarks**
 Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid, President, Saint Joseph College
 Karen Senich, Executive Director, CT Commission on Culture and Tourism
- Statewide Forum Initiative**
 Paula Terry, Director, Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts
 Introduced by An-Ming Truxes, Arts Division Director, CCT
- Connecting to the Cultural Community**
 Stephanie Moore, Director of Visual Arts, VSA Arts, Washington, D.C.
 Introduced by Eileen Carpinella, Executive Director, Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/VSA arts Affiliate
- 11:00-11:15 AM** **Break**
 Performance: Aaron Kubey, Actor
- 11:15-12:15 AM** **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- Session 1:** **Art as a Business: Strategies, Making Community Connections**
 Facilitated by Margaret Bodell, Curator
- Heather Gates**, Executive Director, Community Health Resources, Windsor
 Jennifer Morris, Partner, Siegel Artist Management
 Margaret Bodell, Curator
- Session 2:** **Support for Successful Employment: Tax benefits, Work Incentives, Assistive Technology, Community Support**
 Facilitated by Allyson Pequita, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
- Arlene Lugo**, Program Director, CT Tech Act Project, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
 Chris Kelly, Disability Program Navigator, CT-Works, Dept of Labor and Workforce Development
 Tracy Perugini, Benefits Specialist, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Session 3:	Transitioning from School to Career: Steps for Success, Overcoming Barriers Facilitated by Stephanie Moore
	Patti Clay , Education Consultant, Connect-ability Melissa Sands , Art Teacher, New Haven Mary Lou Lauricella , Drama Therapist, West Haven Administration Medical Center
12:15 PM	Lunch Art/Technology Exhibit
1:15-1:30 PM	Performance: John Denner , Guitarist
1:30-2:30PM	Panel: Artist Success Stories: Challenges Faced by Artists with Disabilities Moderated by Stephanie Moore
	John Denner , Musician Aaron Kubey , Executive Director, National Theatre of the Deaf Monique Silva , Graphic Artist Ashley Wolfe , Actor & Nancy Wolfe , Scriptwriter (<u>Mr. Blue Sky</u> , film) Ekiwah Adler-Belendez , Poet
2:30-2:45 PM	Break Performance: Ekiwah Adler-Belendez , Poet
2:45-3:30PM	Essential Question Discussion: Next Steps for Connecticut Facilitated by Stephanie Moore
3:30-4:00PM	Forum Evaluation and Drawing
6:00 PM	Performance: Little Theatre of the Deaf Ricky Alfonso Jazz Quintet